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The State Constitution and the Statehood Admissions Act recognize that Native Hawaiians are an integral part of the fabric of Hawaii and need to be provided for as the aboriginal people of this land. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs was created to fulfill that mandate. As the incumbent from Maui I have sought to protect and preserve the culture of the Native Hawaiian while at the same time recognizing my duty to my state and country. Federal recognition must be obtained if Hawaiians are to survive. Absent this, repeated lawsuits will eventually remove the term "Native Hawaiian" from the law books and statutes and we will be assimilated into oblivion. Without this protection no attention or funding will be provided for affordable housing for Hawaiians, health care, education, employment, prisons, economic development, etc. Thus will my goal be to secure survival for Hawaiians and to continue to build our people up to stand side by side with our neighbors working together for a better world. I acknowledge God and my wife, Maile, and family and am grateful for this opportunity to serve.